

REMARKS

In a Response filed on October 12, 2007 in the present case, Applicant proffered the filing of a certified translation of the Priority Document, to perfect priority in the present application and thus obviate the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Japanese Patent Document JP2002-357820 to Fumitoshi et al.

A certified translation of the priority document in the present application is filed herewith. In view thereof, Japanese Patent Document JP2002-357820, by virtue of its publication date, is no longer a valid reference against the present application under any section of 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103. Applicant therefore submits that it cannot anticipate the present claims, and further that the Examiner has failed to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness thereto.

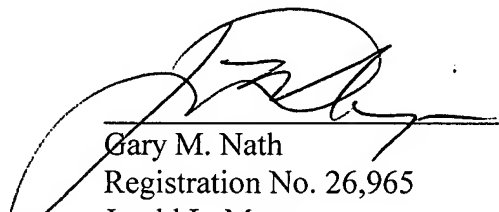
CONCLUSION

In light of the October 12, 2007 response and the certified translation presented herewith, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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